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Report from Colon—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Mortality statistics, July, 1906—Increase of malarial fever—Sanitary measures against pneumonia.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, August 10, as follows:

Week ended August 9, 1906. Vessels cleared for ports in the United States and granted bills of health as follows:

American steamship *Advance*, for New York, July 31, with 63 crew and 118 passengers.

Norwegian steamship *Bertha*, for New Orleans, via Bocas del Toro, August 2, with 26 crew and 2 passengers for Bocas; holds and living quarters fumigated.

British steamship *Winnie*, for a port in the United States, via Cienfuegos, Cuba, August 3, with 22 crew; holds and living quarters fumigated.

British steamship *Huddersfield*, for a port in the United States, via Morro Castle, Cuba, August 3, with 21 crew; holds and living quarters fumigated.

German steamship *Virginia*, for New York, via Santa Marta, August 5, with 81 crew and 17 passengers.

American steamship *Panama*, for New York, August 5, with 102 crew and 140 passengers.

British steamship *Texan*, for New Orleans via Kingston, Jamaica, August 7, with 45 crew and no passengers; holds and living quarters fumigated.

British steamship *Tagus*, for New York via Kingston, Jamaica, August 7, with 160 crew and 30 passengers from this port and 38 in transit.

British schooner *Blomidon*, for Pascagoula, August 9, with 9 crew and no passengers; all compartments fumigated.

Owing to the prompt sanitary measures instituted the outbreak of smallpox has been effectually checked. Since July 29 no new cases have been reported. The total number of cases was 33, of which 2 died.

During the month of July there were 119 deaths reported in the district over which the health officer of Colon and Cristobal has supervision, containing a population of 14,765. The causes given were as follows: Malarial fever, 36; pneumonia, 21; dysentery, 2; enteric fever, 1; smallpox, 1; tuberculosis, 3; filariasis, 1; cancer, 1; cerebral hemorrhage, 2; meningitis, pneumococcic, 1; convulsions, 3; pericarditis, 1; heart disease, valvular, 2; cardiac syncope, 3; hemorrhage, 1; asthenia, 6; hemoptysis, 1; broncho-pneumonia, 1; asphyxia, 1; peritonitis, 1; hepatitis, 1; enlarged spleen, 1; diarrhea, 1; nephritis, 4; ruptured aneurism, 1; burns, 1; traumatism, 1; drowned, 1; parturition, 1; stillbirths, 5; unknown, 14.

The rainfall during the past two months has been unusually heavy; in July alone the rain gauge registered 16 inches. Under such conditions malarial fever continually increases, and by aggravating the insanitary conditions under which the negroes live tends to the spread of pneumonia. Against the latter disease the sanitary department has decided upon a campaign as against any other epidemic disease.

Cases will be isolated and all premises where the disease occurs will be fumigated with sulphur and disinfected with formaldehyde and bichloride of mercury.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port—Improved sanitary conditions.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows:

Week ended August 3, 1906. Present officially estimated population not obtainable; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

There is a decided improvement in the health conditions. Very few mosquitoes are to be found.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage.
July 29	Appomattox.....	New Orleans.....	47	0	0	0
31	Katie.....	do.....	23	0	0	0
Aug. 2	Fort Gaines.....	Mobile.....	23	0	0	0
3	Helen.....	do.....	21	0	0	0
3	Bertha ^a	New Orleans.....	26	0	0	0

^a A freight steamer. Came from Colon; was about two hours in port; no one came on shore. I countersigned the duplicate bill of health.

Week ended August 11, 1906. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage.
Aug. 5	Greenbrier.....	New Orleans.....	47	0	0	0
9	Chickahominy.....	do.....	48	0	0	0
9	Fort Morgan.....	Mobile.....	24	0	0	0

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Report from Callao—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Plague in Peru—Plague and smallpox in Chile.

Assistant Surgeon Wightman reports, July 22, as follows:

Week ended July 21, 1906. Vessels dispatched by this office as follows:

The German steamship *Assuan* on the 18th for San Francisco, Cal., with general cargo and a total personnel of 75, of whom 1 member of crew, 2 cabin, and 5 steerage passengers were from this port.

The British steamship *Santiago* on the 21st for Ancon, Canal Zone, with general cargo and a total personnel of 219, of whom 6 members of crew, 55 cabin, and 63 steerage passengers were from this port.

Both vessels were fumigated and the effects of steerage passengers inspected and passed or disinfected.

During the week a new case of plague was reported in Lima, but has not yet been officially confirmed.